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The reply filed on May 28, 2002 and the response file January 17, 2002 are not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

There are several confusing issues in this application.

First, the claims have been renumbered as outlined in the Office action mailed December 17, 2001. Applicants assert that the originally filed application did not end at page 70 and did not contain 21 claims (paper no. 15, page 7). Applicants also refer to an attached copy of the original application. No attached copy of the original application is in the file. Applicants may wish to inspect the PTO file to discover any discrepancies between their copy and the PTO copy of this file and rectify them.

Second, because of the above, applicants' election is confusing because it elects claim 69 and SEQ ID NO: 62, yet claim 69 mentions only SEQ ID NO: 144 and not SEQ ID NO: 62. Clarification of the election is required.

Third Applicants' submission of a published WO94/25601 as a paper copy of the Sequence Listing is improper because it is not clear what is to be inserted into the instant application. Accordingly, the Sequence Listing has not been entered and applicants are required to submit a paper or CD copy of a Sequence Listing (see Mpep 2400 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825).

Fourth, applicants are required to clarify just which claims are in the application.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).



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